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TAGS: EGEN, IN

SUBJ: VISIT OF SPEAKER OF MAHARASHTRA STATE LEGISLATURE

1. FOLLOWING MAHARASHTRA CHIEF MINISTER VASANTRAO PATIL'S CONVERSATION ON AUG. 8 WITH AMBASSADOR GOHEEN ABOUT MAHARASHTRA'S GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT SCHEME IN RURAL AREAS, THE SPEAKER OF THE MAHARASHTRA STATE LEGISLATURE V.S.PAGE HAS BEEN ASKED TO LOOK INTO U.S. PROGRAMS FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. PAGE WILL BE ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH INTER PARLIAMENTARY MEETING IN OTTAWA, SEPT. 10-25 AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER WILL VISIT WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27. HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE 1976 BILL FOR EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND FULL EMPLOYMENT INTRODUCED BY HENRY REUSS AND AUGUSTUS KAWKINS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATOR HUMPHREY IN THE SENATE. HE ALSO WANTS TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

2. COMMENT: MAHARASHTRA IS THE ONLY INDIAN STATE TO HAVE PASSED A LAW GUARANTEEING EMPLOYMENT TO ALL ADULT PERSONS WHO WILL DO UNSKILLED MANUAL WORK IN RURAL AREAS. AT PRESENT TIME UNDER THIS PROGRAM MAHARASHTRA HAS ABOUT 600,000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN 6000 DIFFERENT CENTERS. THIS STATE IS ALSO

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PROMOTING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO COTTAGE INDUSTRIES AND OTHER SMALL ENTERPRISES AS WELL AS FOR DISADVANTAGED GROUPS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT (A) PROVIDE TEXZUOF 1976 BILL FOR EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND FULL EMPLOYMENT TO INDIAN EMBASSY FOR ATTENTION OF PAGE ON ARRIVAL; (B) ASSIST INDIAN EMBASSY IN ARRANGING FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN PAGE AND AMERICAN

LEGISLATORS SPONSORING FULL EMPLOYMENT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY  
EMPLOYMENT BILL AND (C) ASSIST IN ARRANGING FOR APPOINTMENTS AT  
THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. THE INDIAN EMBASSY WILL HAVE  
PAGE'S PRECISE DEPARTURE TIME ON AUGUST 27. HE WILL BE ARRIVING  
ON SEPT. 25 AND SO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS ALL DAY ON  
SEPT. 26.  
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